

We're learning the Present Continuous!

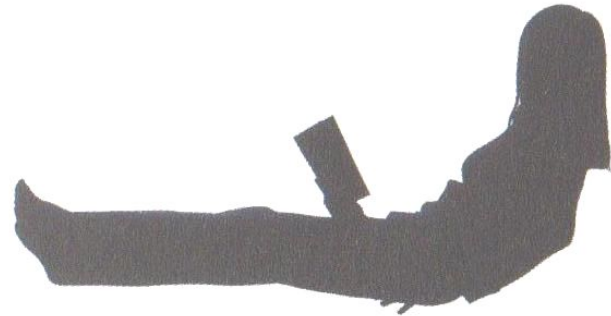


What is she doing?

She / read / book



- She is reading the book.



- She's reading a book.



What is he doing?

He / listen /
music



- He is listening to music.



- He's listening to music.



What are they doing?

They / study

- They are studying.
- They're studying.



What are they doing?

They / work



- They are working.
- They're working.



What are they doing?

They / learn /
English



- They are learning English.



- They're learning English.



What are we doing?

We / smile



- We're smiling!



What am I doing?

I / type

- I'm typing.



What are you doing?

**You / behave
badly**



- You're behaving badly!



Form



Positive (+)

Subject + auxiliary (be) + verb +
ing

I am = I'm walking.

You are = You're reading.

He/She/It is = He's/She's/It's eating.

We are = We're laughing.

They are = They're shouting.



Form



Negative (-)

Subject + auxiliary (be) + **not** + verb

+ **ing**

I'm looking.

You're **no** playing.

He's/She's/It's **t** talking.

We're jumping.

They're climbing.



Form



Interrogative (?)

Auxiliary (be) + subject + verb + **ing** +

?

Am I dream**ing**?

Are you sleep**ing** ?

Is he/she/it fall**ing**?

Are we fly**ing**?

Are they drink**ing**?



Rules

Some verbs drop
the last -e:

Eg

write ⇒ writing

take ⇒ taking

bake ⇒ baking

dance ⇒ dancing

but see ⇒ seeing

Some verbs double
the last letter:

Eg

sit ⇒ sitting

swim ⇒ swimming

travel ⇒ travelling

get ⇒ getting

but open ⇒ opening



Rules

Verbs ending in
-ie,
drop the **-ie** + **-y** +
ing

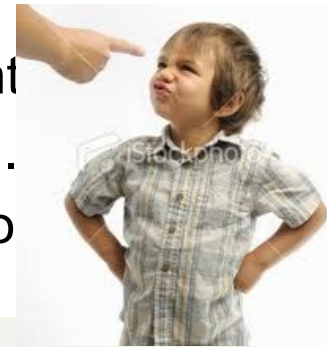
eg

- **lie** ⇒ **lying**
- **die** ⇒ **dying**

The verb 'be' is only used in the continuous to describe temporary behaviour.

eg

- He's being naughty
- She's being good.
- He's being an idiot



Short questions & answers:

cry



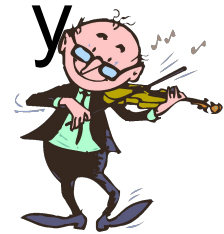
Is the baby crying?
Yes he is.
He's crying.

cook



Is the man cooking?
No, he isn't.
He's playing the violin.

pla



do

Are the boys doing their homework?
Yes they are!



When?

1. A short activity, happening right now:



We're just looking!



When?

2. A temporary (not usual) situation:



I usually drive
to work
but this week
I'm walking.



When?

3. A change or action we're in the middle of:



I'm
getting a
cold!



When?

4. A future arrangement:

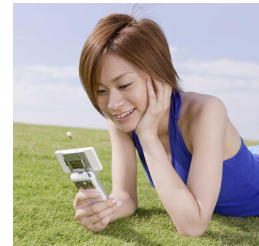
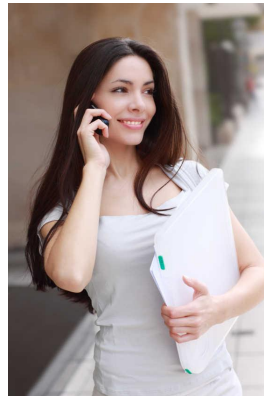


Sorry, got to go –.
I'm meeting someone
in half an hour.



Making future arrangements:

Are you free on Saturday?



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Sorry / work
Sorry / see /family
Sorry / go / cinema /
girlfriend

Sorry, I'm working.
Sorry, I'm seeing my family.
Sorry, I'm going to the cinema
with my girlfriend.



Exceptions:



- Some verbs aren't usually used in the present continuous:
 - **Feelings** (hate, like, love, prefer, want, (**BUT** 'wish') 'How are you feeling? I'm feeling happy')
 - **Mental states** (believe, feel, know, remember, mean, understand)
 - **Senses** (hear, see, sound, smell, taste)
 - **Also:** belong, include, contain



Think . . . Hav



- The verbs **have** and **think** have a different meaning in the **simple** and **continuous**.
 - I **think** that's good. (**opinion**)
 - Wait a minute, I'm **thinking**. (**activity happening now**)
 - I **have** a car. (**possession**)
 - I'm **having** lunch. (**activity happening now**)



**and now
we're
saying
'good-bye'!**

